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## DARKNESS PREVENTS THE FIGHT

**Vladivostok Squadron Comes in Contact With Kamimura's Fleet, but Escapes in the Fog.**

**Russian Ships Retire Upon Sighting Japs and Chase Continues Until Nightfall.**

## ATTACK BY TORPEDO BOATS

**Fleet Is Assailed by Them and Replies Vigorously—Japs Abandoning Many Positions.**

Tokio, July 3.—The Vladivostok squadron eluded Kamimura's squadron eastward of the island of Tsu Friday night in the darkness. Drizzling rain and fog favored the Russian vessels.

The two squadrons met early in the evening, the Russian being north of Iki island and the Japanese south of Tsu island. They were 10 miles apart. The Russians bolted to the northeast when they were discovered by Kamimura. The latter chased them at full speed. The Japanese torpedo boats steamed ahead and entered within range of the Russian guns. The Russian vessels vigorously shelled the Japanese torpedo boats.

Kamimura gained on the Russian ships and was only five miles in the rear, when suddenly, at 9 p. m., all the Russian vessels extinguished their lights and disappeared in the darkness.

## JAPS ARE RETREATING.

**Deserting Positions That Cost Them Much Blood and Powder.**

St. Petersburg, July 2.—The outcome of the naval engagements off Port

Arthur and Tsu island is monopolizing public interest. Land operations in Manchuria are believed to have been practically adjourned for six weeks until the rain shall be over.

Telegrams from Liao Yang agree the Japanese are withdrawing from their positions, the capture of which entailed the expenditure of so much blood and ammunition. Some grams show that the Russians are promptly taking advantage of the withdrawal of the Japanese by assuming the offensive, inflicting considerable losses upon the Japanese.

The Liao Yang correspondent of the Bourne Gazette declares that the entire credit for the Japanese retreat belongs to Kuropatkin, who at last has rewarded the patience of the Russian people.

## JAPS LOST HEAVILY.

**Almost 10,000 Men Killed in Recent Land Engagements.**

Liao Yang, July 2.—The recent successes of the Russians at Dalin and in General Mischenko's engagement with the Japanese have engendered much better feeling here. It is reported that in the fighting of June 26 and 27 the Japanese lost 8,000 men, and that their losses in the operations against Mischenko were 1,500.

The striking feature of the last engagement at Dalin, as well as in the fight with Mischenko's force, was that the Japanese tried a bayonet charge, to which they had not been previously partial. Their lines went to the charge with loud cries of "Alvar! alvar!" but almost to a man they were mowed down by the Russian rifle fire.

## Russian Fleet Intact.

Paris, July 2.—The French ambassador at St. Petersburg has been advised by the foreign office, in response to his inquiries relative to a Japanese report of the destruction of some Russian ships at Port Arthur, that the government answered that Togo's report was incorrect, as subsequent official reports from Port Arthur showed the Russian fleet to be intact.

## LOOKS LIKE PARKER WILL BE NOMINATED EARLY IN BALLOTING AT ST. LOUIS

**Delegates Who Have Arrived at Convention City Regard His Selection as Absolutely Certain.**

**Cleveland Scare Is Over and Has Been Means of Solidifying New York Jurist's Strength—Hearst Men Will Force Vote For Purpose of Testing Strength of Leading Candidates—John Sharp Williams for Temporary Chairman.**

St. Louis, July 2.—All the men who will decide the presidential contest have not yet appeared in the convention city, but among those who are here seems to be the conviction that Judge Parker will be nominated early in the balloting. His most radical supporters claim he will be named on the first ballot, while others say favorite sons must be first complimented before the necessary two-thirds will vote for him.

The arrival of the California and other delegations from the west which are under instructions to vote for Hearst stirred the atmosphere early in the day, and there was some speculation as to what strength Hearst actually had in the convention. The claim of the Hearst managers of more than one-third of the delegates, and with power enough to prevent the selection of any candidate not satisfactory to Hearst, is not seriously considered by the friends of Parker. The Hearst men have decided to have tests of strength before the platform is voted upon, and will force a vote by putting forward a candidate for permanent chairman.

## Gorman Probably Out of It.

During the day there has been some talk of Cleveland, Gorman, Olney and Harmon. It seems to be understood that Ohio intends to cast a complimentary vote for Harmon, and that

Parker will then get the delegation, with the proviso that Gorman appearing as an active candidate would materially change conditions. The only really active and positive Gorman force at St. Louis now is Henry G. Davis, former senator from West Virginia, and he is not sure Gorman will be a candidate. It is not even known if Gorman will attend the convention. Something was expected to develop about Gorman's position upon the arrival of James M. Guffey, but the Pennsylvania leader did not say anything which indicated that the Maryland senator would be a factor in the presidential race.

## Some Talk of Olney.

Now and then there is mention of former Secretary Olney and connected with it is the suggestion that Olney is the only man intimately connected with the last democratic administration, or who is being put forward by the conservative element, who is not objectionable to Bryan.

## Platform Causes Worry.

While the presidential situation is the most interesting feature of the anti-convention days, the platform is the subject of much debate and serious consideration. Many suggestions have already been made, but no one can say which will meet with the most favor. Some of the delegates think the platform will engender the greatest contest of the convention.

## The Cleveland Scare.

The arrival of many leaders and delegates tonight seems to make it plain that Cleveland is not considered by them. What is called "the Cleveland scare" has resulted in solidifying the Parker strength.

## FIGHT OVER CHAIRMANSHIP.

**Williams to Temporarily Preside, But Who Permanently?**

St. Louis, July 2.—The committee on arrangement of the national democratic committee has agreed unanimously to recommend to the full convention the selection of John Sharp Williams of Mississippi for the position of temporary chairman of the convention.

For permanent chairman four possible candidates are mentioned tonight. They are Delegates Barksworth of Michigan, Patrick Collins of Massachusetts, David R. Rose of Wisconsin and Champ Clark of Missouri.

The friends of Hearst sprang Clark's name at a conference held late today. They express determined opposition to conceding both the temporary and permanent chairmanship to the Parker element. Some of the Hearst men are, however, quite content to accept Barksworth, claiming he is unfriendly to the New York judge.

## Parker Will Stay at Home.

Kington N. Y., July 2.—Judge Parker will not attend the national democratic convention at St. Louis. He will remain at Rosemont, his home at Esopus.

## Yale Instructor Drowned.

Port Jarvis, N. Y., July 2.—Dr. Rollin H. Burr, a graduate of Yale and an instructor in the Yale forestry school at Medford, Pa., has been drowned in the Delaware river. He was canoeing with some boys when the boat capsized with its three occupants. In attempting to save one of his companions, Dr. Burr was drowned. His body has not been recovered.

## FIREWORKS EXPLODED.

Worcester, Mass., July 2.—By accidentally stepping on a large torpedo, a clerk of the Nelson novelty store in this city started a fire tonight which

caused the explosion of \$700 worth of fireworks, and cut off 40 clerks and customers, who were in the store, from the only exit.

Women and children were injured and suffocated by the smoke, and were rescued from the cellar, where they had fled to avoid the flames. Manuel Ovinian was caught under an elevator as it was descending with 25 women and probably fatally hurt.

## PRESIDENT AT OYSTER BAY.

**People Turn Out to Greet Distinguished Fellow-Townsmen.**

Oyster Bay, July 2.—President Roosevelt arrived here today, accompanied by a large clerical force. For the next few weeks national affairs necessitating the consideration of the president will be transacted here.

President Roosevelt's homecoming was made the occasion of a cordial demonstration, in which the citizens of Oyster Bay united. It was a genuine fete day in Oyster Bay. Business was practically suspended and residences and business houses were decorated with flags and bunting.

## JEWELS OF GREAT VALUE.

**Gems Worth \$850,000 Available to Pay Debts of Marquis.**

New York, July 2.—The value of the jewels found by the auctioneers in Anglesey castle is now estimated at \$200,000, says a Herald dispatch from London.

In addition, however, the marquis has sent over from Paris jewelry valued at from \$300,000 to \$500,000, while at Beaudesert, Staffordshire, the seat of the family, gems worth \$250,000 were discovered. In round figures, therefore the value of the jewelry that will go to pay off the creditors of the marquis is about \$850,000.

## STATE'S REPLY TO WRIT.

**Will Seek to Keep Imprisoned Mine Officials in Jail.**

Denver, July 2.—Attorney General Miller left Denver for St. Louis this afternoon with a reply to the habeas corpus proceedings begun in the federal court there in behalf of Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners. The reply sets forth that the respondents to the writ, Governor Peabody, General Bell and Captain Wells, had delivered Moyer into the custody of the civil officers before they were served with the papers in this case.

## PORTLAND MAN LOWEST.

**Makes Best Bid for Idaho Reclamation Headworks.**

Boise, July 2.—Seventeen bids for the construction of the headworks of the Minidoko reclamation project were opened today by the board of engineers. There was a spread of \$200,000 between the highest and lowest bids. The award will be made by the secretary of the interior and will probably not be announced for some time.

The lowest bid submitted was that of Neils J. Blagen of Portland, which called for \$390,000.

## HAYTI MAKES AMENDS.

**Squares Himself for Recent Indignities to Foreign Ministers.**

Paris, July 2.—The Haytien incident has been satisfactorily adjusted so far as France is concerned. The foreign office has received a dispatch from Port Au Prince saying that President ord had made the most complete apology for the indignity shown the German and French ministers. The Haytien government's action includes the punishment of those guilty of the outrage, a public apology and assurances of security for the future.

## Lipton Race Commenced.

New York, July 2.—Nine little sloops and yawls started at 10 o'clock today from Gravesend on a 33-mile ocean race to Marblehead, Mass., for the hundred guinea cup offered by Sir Thomas Lipton. Three to four days will be required to cover the course.

## Dolgorouki Exiled.

St. Petersburg, July 2.—The Associated Press learns upon good authority that Prince Dolgorouki, who early last month assaulted Count Lamedorff, minister of foreign affairs, has been exiled to Archangel.

## OUTCOME IS OF CONCERN TO VATICAN

**Action of French Chamber of Deputies in Suppressing Embassy Appropriation Gravely Regarded.**

**Difficulty Alleged to Be Due to Improper Conduct of Papal Nuncio Lorenzelli.**

## HOPE IN FALL OF MINISTRY

**If Premier Combes' Cabinet Happens to Be Supplanted Relations Might Be Restored.**

Rome, July 2.—The news that France has practically abolished the post of ambassador to the vatican, owing to the action of the budget committee of the chamber of deputies in suppressing the appropriation for the embassy, has produced the gravest preoccupation at the vatican. The only hope still entertained is the fall of Premier Combes' ministry, in which the papal nuncio at Paris, Manager Lorenzelli, continues to believe, saying the opposition to the cabinet is growing on all sides.

The general feeling here is Lorenzelli has proved himself to be unadapted to fill his important post. Consequently regret is expressed at the fact that he has not been removed from Paris before this. The main charge against him was that he was too anxious to keep on good terms with the Waldeck-Rousseau cabinet, thus alienating the sympathy of the conservatives; so, when the policy of the government against the congregations was pushed vigorously, the nuncio found himself without any friends.

The situation of the nuncio became worse under Premier Combes, and since the recall of M. Nisard from the post of ambassador to the vatican his position has been even more embarrassing, his presence in Paris doing him more harm than good. He did not ask to remain, but the vatican authorities would not recall him, so as to be able to say they did everything to avoid a rupture.

According to later advices received at the vatican, Premier Combes has expressed his firm intention to abandon the prime ministry within a few months, considering that his program for the suppression of the congregations and form of public instruction has been carried out. Added to this reason, Premier Combes refused before the parliamentary committee to express the opinion of the cabinet regarding the separation of church and state and the abolition of the embassy accredited to the vatican, which "he wishes to leave to the succeeding ministry."

## Mayor Jones Improving.

Toledo, O., July 3.—At midnight Mayor Jones rallied noticeably and the doctors now take more hopeful views.

## BASEBALL SCORES.

### Pacific Coast.

At Portland—San Francisco, 6; Portland, 11.

At Tacoma—Los Angeles, 1; Tacoma, 2.

At Seattle—Oakland, 2; Seattle, 2.

### Pacific National.

At Spokane—Boise, 1; Spokane, 4.

At Butte—Salt Lake, 3; Butte, 4.

### American.

At Boston—Philadelphia, 1; Boston, 2.

At Detroit—Cleveland, 3; Detroit, 2; first game. Cleveland, 2; Detroit, 6; second game.

At Chicago—St. Louis, 2; Chicago, 4.

At New York—Washington, 3; New York, 2; first game. Washington, 6; New York, 11; second game.

### National.

At Pittsburgh—Cincinnati, 2; Pittsburgh, 14.

At Philadelphia—Brooklyn, 0; Philadelphia, 2; first game. Brooklyn, 12; Philadelphia, 2; second game.

At St. Louis—Chicago, 2; St. Louis, 2.

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